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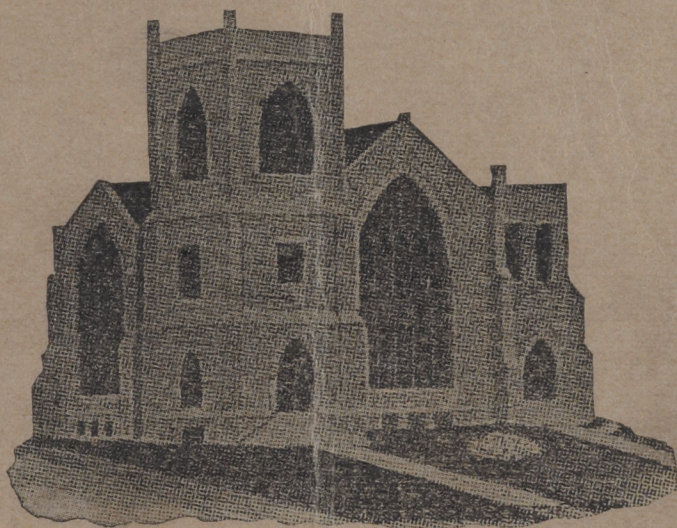
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TO A SKYLARK

Hail to thee, blithe spirit!
Bird thou never wert,
That from heaven or near it,
Pourest thy full heart
In profuse strains of unpremeditated art.

* * *

Higher still and higher
From the earth thou springest
Like a cloud of fire;
The deep blue thou wingest,
And singing still dost soar, and soaring ever singest.

* * *

Teach us, sprite or bird,
What sweet thoughts are thine;
I have never heard
Praise of love or wine
That panted forth a flood of rapture so divine.

* * *

Teach me half the gladness
That thy brain must know,
Such harmonious madness
From my lips would flow;
The world should listen then,—as I am listening now.
—Shelley.

EDITORIAL

“REJOICE AND BE GLAD!”

Before reading this look over again the verses “To a Skylark,” one of the many hymns of praise and gratitude to that atom of concentrated joy.

Rev. Mr. John Pringle, in his word pictures of the battlefields of France, paints, as one of the wonders, the tiny lark, soaring up and up from the wasted earth, singing, singing above the din and turmoil of crashing gun and shrieking shell, following its God-given instinct despite all circumstance. And its outpouring of sheer joy in life brings a lift to the drooping head of the wearied soldier,—a smile to the stiff lips of the dying.

The little child, ignorant of pain, romps and laughs, and bring a ray of sunshine into the saddest corners of our old world. A child without gladness! Can anything more tragic be imagined?

And if we appreciate this quality of joyousness in the bird, and in the child, how much more precious and potent it should be in those of mature years. Do we cultivate it with care sufficient?

Take joy home,—
And make a place in thy great heart for her,
And give her time to grow, and cherish her.

* * *

It is a comely fashion to be glad.
Joy is the grace we say to God.

How much more rich and vital should be that happiness which is grown of faith proven by experience, confidence in ultimate Good, the satisfaction of service. To see the Evil and fight it; to weep with Sorrow and Suffering, but to glimpse the rainbow brightness through the tears and carry on! So many of us have not tried to perfect the far vision,—that which is near and immediate blinds us to the greater beyond.

Could we but get up with the lark to Heaven's gate and view the things of Earth from thence! Then well might we sing.

Have you ever really thought of the place Song is accorded in our life? It is an absolute essential to us; and all loved songs have in them somewhere an element of joy,—bird songs, child songs, lovers' songs, the victor's song, the wanderer's song of home, songs of the night with their gleams of the morning, the song of the sea, of the wind and the trees. The Psalmist says:

"Thou hast put gladness in my heart."

"Sing praises to the Lord."

"My heart shall rejoice."

"Let them shout for joy and be glad."

and innumerable times urges us to be joyful. Job says: "The morning stars sang together, and the sons of God shouted for joy." Let us all join in this vast chorus. Every voice is needed now, when the old Earth is so torn and bleeding. We need kindly thoughts, gentle deeds, smiles.

"Happiness is a perfume you cannot pour on others without getting a few drops yourself."

SHALL "THE CHIMES" BE CONTINUED?

With the next issue, The Chimes completes its first year. Whether it should be continued or not is the question. The Editor, Managing Editor and Convenor of the business committee, after a year of strenuous labor, are resigning, and their work must be taken up by others. We hope the paper has been of some small service both at home and at the Front, and that, if considered worthy, the church members will give it their hearty support and encouragement.

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Have you a boy at the Front? Have you a friend at the Front? Are you interested in how they are getting along? Would you like to be sure that they are getting little comforts not supplied by the authorities? Would you, if given the chance, help in a scheme to raise money to get these comforts? Do you know that Mr. W. J. Holmes has given the Winnipeg Rink, with all its conveniences, in which the Kitchener Sewing Society may hold a monster concert? Do you know that this will be the largest affair of its kind ever attempted in Winnipeg? Do you realize that St. Paul's Church, with all its organizations, is solidly behind this scheme? Will you help by buying a ticket at \$1.00, 50c or 25c? Will you keep Monday, October 14th, free for this? Will you come and hear the best artists possible to procure? Will you remember that this is all for your boy and my boy? Will you use your influence and boost, boost, boost?

CONTRIBUTED

VACATION AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CAMP

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen

"The saddest are these, 'Vacation **has been!**' "

If there is one thing that the writer of this article dislikes more than any other it is having to leave the holiday season behind and return to work. This was particularly true of this summer's leave of absence. Ye Editor and Ye Manager sported together on the beach, or rather on the rocks at Minaki, Ont.

The P. A. & L. A. Camp is becoming more and more popular, and a number of St. Paul's young people visited the island known as "Harbor" this season. Miss Bertie Kerr and Miss Kelly were fellow conspirators on some of our marauding expeditions, while the Lawrie family, with its attendant cavaliers, took a short whirl at the camp before our arrival. The Pickering and Lavery combination also enjoyed a few weeks there.

There appears to be nothing in the form of amusement which the guests at P. A. cannot improve on or invent. Masquerades, Hard Time Parties, Days of Auld Lang Syne, Picnics of today, Regattas, Weddings follow each other in such rapid succession that one has to be up and doing all the time in order to avoid being left behind. Ye Manager went to camp with the firm determination of sleeping at least eight hours a day. Alas! Ye Editor refused to determine likewise. There is no prettier spot to be found than that part of Ontario, with its hundreds of small islands dotted over the wide Winnipeg River. It is restful to merely gaze on the scenery, and Ye Editor quite evidently thought that was all the rest which was necessary. However, an occasional rainy day provided excuse for laziness. On such days a person sometimes could get as much as fifteen minutes' sleep.

One of our finest excursions was a trip by launch to White Dog Falls, a distance of about ten miles. A merry party of twenty-seven started out, amply provided with good things to eat. We built a fire and had supper on the rocks, afterwards walking about two miles through the woods along one of the most beautiful trails imaginable. No loitering on the way was permitted as darkness was rapidly approaching, and it was nine o'clock when we reached the Falls. Here we clambered down steep, bare rocks to the very edge, where we revelled in the beauty of the tossing, swirling, green water with its foamy cloak flying in the wind, as it threw itself into the basin-like depression, and then rushed and danced away off to where a tiny island, like a green jewel, glittered in the last rays of the sinking sun. The launch ride home in the moonlight left nothing to be desired except possibly a few more of the sterner sex and a trifle more melody in the music.

Fox Falls, some four miles from the camp, is a favorite picnic spot, and a very popular excuse for a paddle, as is also Vermilion Lake with its dim trail and its towering cliffs. The strenuous exercise entailed in these trips is delightful and gives such an appetite for large and tasty lunches. Oh, you lemon pie!

In the quieter hours, cup reading, phrenology and palmistry,

especially the last named, were indulged in; but grave doubts as to the qualifications and disinterestedness of the readers were freely expressed. It is difficult amid so much and varied enjoyment to pick the most pleasant occasions, but the Friday night social gatherings of the entire camp population could scarcely be improved upon. One had to walk warily to escape the all-seeing and all-hearing censor, the weekly editor of "The Tattler," and few there were who went unscotched.

Now we look at our snaps, laugh and reminisce, and look forward to other summers with their new friendships, their carefree days, dreamy nights and strength-renewing forces.

THE CHRONICLES OF THE TEMPLE

CHAPTER V.

And it came to pass on the fourth day of the week in the ninth month of the year and the ninth year of the reign of King George, that a goodly number of the people of St. Paulus, even an hundred and three score and seven, did gather together in the room called Lecture of the Great Temple. And when they had gathered behold they did wait, and a great light was upon all faces. Then cometh the Priest of the Temple into the inner room, and as he looked upon the great gathering his spirit was disturbed and his heart failed him so that his blood became even as water and he saith unto himself: "What meaneth this great gathering? Lo, I come to gather with the few in the place when prayer is wont to be made and behold many more are here. What hath caused so great a change? Are the people of St. Paulus turning unto prayer? Behold I know not." Then took he the scroll of the Scripture and read unto them and spake unto them of the followers of Christ that do sleep and the causes and signs thereof. When he had made an end he blessed the people and gave them leave to depart, but they would not. Then was he even more amazed. Behold while he still wondered there ariseth one of the Elders of the Temple and goeth forward to the high place and he held within his hand an open scroll. When he paused the people began with one accord to give great heed unto him and he spoke words of an exceeding graciousness unto the people of St. Paulus. And this was the manner thereof: "Lo, these many years has our well beloved priest ministered unto us in the great Temple, and in all that time never have we shown him in public of our great love for him. Now hath he returned from the far East whither he had gone to rest and meditate, and behold, this goodly number have gathered together to show, "when his heart faileth we will cheer him; when his hands grow weary we shall uphold them," and the people were very glad. Then the Elder calleth to the priest and he cometh. While he yet cometh there ariseth yet another of the Elders and passeth up to the high place even as the others had done, and there was a great silence. Then cometh William surnamed Wyllie and Matthew (not the Publican and Sinner), and they go into an inner room and come forth bearing in their arms a great gift even an reading couch, and layeth it at the feet of the Priest, and he was greatly joyed for he now saw that he was well loved. And the Elder named George did give unto the Priest, in all loving manner and with all loving wishes, this

gift of the people. Then did the Priest answer him and give thanks and all the people of St. Paulus did make loud acclaim.

Then did the chief of the Elders call on the mother of the Priest and she cometh and with her one of the daughters of Israel who carried in her hand a bag, yea even an hand bag. And it was made of the skin of the ox and useful withal. Then did this daughter of Israel speak words of love unto the Priest's mother and did give unto her this hand bag, yea, even this hand bag of leather. And she did take it and spake unto her son, even the Priest of the Temple. Then did his face smile and he made merry in thanks for his mother and again did the great room sound with signs of joy. Then cometh the sweet singers and made music and one came and played on an instrument of music and all the people made merry and were glad. Then did the mothers of Israel come and say: "The feast is ready and none there are to eat. Come and eat we pray thee." So the people did gather together and did eat and were filled. Then did they all sing and were glad. And every one departed to his own place.—Selah.

THREE KINDS OF MEN

First—The Man who is a Help. He is one who takes a keen interest in the whole church. He is glad when a big drive is on. He is proud when he hears the church praised. He really feels he is part of the church. Every now and then he suggests some improvement. He often does more than he is expected to do. When he is given a job to do he does not enlarge on the difficulty or "impossibility" of it. He just sets to work and does it. He is the kind who is qualifying for a better job.

Second—The Man who is a Habit. He is a good worker. He takes an interest, more or less, in his church; but he seldom concerns himself in the least about the church generally. He has learned to do one thing and does it well. His work is all a matter of habit. He hates to be moved from one thing to another. He is industrious, but not adaptable. He is a good, useful man, but he prevents himself from being promoted by the fact that he has nailed himself to a routine and sees in anything outside that routine only a nuisance and not an opportunity.

Third—The Man who is a Hindrance. He is the one who dislikes activity. He does not want to work, and he almost feels he has a grievance against his church for giving him a chance to do something. He never has a good word for his minister or office bearers. He is strong on objecting, great on refusing. He is against every new change and improvement. He starts suspicion. He hinders. He is a man who can never be promoted and sometimes has to be put out.

Experts who have studied church members in relation to efficiency claim that in most churches of any size there are ten per cent. of members who help, eighty per cent. who are a habit, and ten per cent. who are a hindrance.

In these days of war stress, these proportions must needs be changed, for it is only by accepting new and added responsibility that the Church's loss of man-power can be met and the war won.

—J. Glass.

BOWLING NOTES

St. Paul's Bowling Club have many reasons to look back with satisfaction on the season now closing and to look forward with high hopes to the season of 1919.

In the first place, we had more inter-club games, having been entertained at Riverview and Assiniboine and entertaining Riverview, St. Johns and Post Office. Next year will very probably see a regular league schedule drawn up among the city clubs.

Through the generosity of Birks Co. and the persuasive powers of Mrs. Edmond, the lady bowlers of the city have a cup for weekly competition, to be called the Birks Trophy. St. Paul's ladies have successfully defended it against Assiniboine and Civic Clubs and we hope to see many interesting competitions next year.

Owing to the lateness of our season, we had only one club competition, for the Ashdown Trophy, which was won by the rink composed of Mrs. P. Muir, J. Campbell, Mrs. Wyllie, W. Wyllie, skip.

Our annual tournament is in full swing and the various events are being closely contested. The results will appear in our next issue.

St. Paul's had two rinks in the provincial tournament, which did honor to themselves and credit to their club. They got down to the semi-finals in the four open rink events and won two of them outright, the Aikens and the Walter Woods trophies.

Personnel of rinks: W. W. Edmand, W. R. Edmand, J. Proudfoot, H. Richardson, skip; T. McLetchie, W. Carse, R. Anderson, W. Wyllie, skip.

CHURCH DEPARTMENTS

MEETING OF SESSION

The Session held its first meeting after the holidays on Friday, September 6th. There was a good attendance of members. On behalf of the Kitchener Society, Mrs. Holmes made an appeal for the approval and support of Session for the important project of a patriotic concert to be given in the Winnipeg Rink. This the Session gladly gave and appointed a committee to co-operate in the matter. A number of committees reported concerning changes in elders' districts, the summer pulpit supply, the prayer meeting during the holidays, and the Presbytery budget. A letter of thanks for their helpful services during the holidays was ordered sent to Dr. McGilvary and the Rev. Mr. Miller. The most important matter coming before Session was the consideration of the new Sunday School constitution. Much thought was given this and its revision was not concluded until a late hour. The constitution was found to be up-to-date and carefully prepared. A number of changes were suggested and these will be presented by the Sunday School committee to the monthly meeting of teachers.

The meeting was an earnest in every respect of the sense of unity and brotherhood that will characterize the work of the church this fall and winter.

THE CHOIR

In this coming season the choir expect not merely to live up to past achievements, but to do better than ever.

When all the stragglers gather in, crammed with life and full of vim, there'll be "pep" in every hymn. Every Sunday on the dot, they'll be "Johnnie on the spot"—no one snoozing will be caught.

It is definitely announced that we shall put on a concert in November.

Mr. Heaton returned from his holiday trip to the coast, brown as a berry, and popped in unexpectedly upon the choir on a recent Sunday evening.

It is a matter for deep regret that our popular soloist, Miss Burditt, finds herself unable to continue her choir work and has had to give up her position.

A warm welcome awaits the man who can and will assist in the bass or tenor section of the choir. When most of the young men are at war let some of the old boys lend a hand; it will help renew their youth.

It was in July that romance touched us with her spell, when one of our most faithful members, Miss Pearl Astle, became the bride of Cadet Wade, of the R.F.C. Our sincerest good wishes we extend to the happy couple. Mrs. Wade has not altogether deserted us, but has returned to the choir again.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday, June 30, was a memorable day in the annals of St. Paul's Presbyterian Sunday School. Special graduation exercises were conducted and diplomas were presented by Rev. P. Bruce Thornton. Captain Morris, lately returned from Overseas, was present and delighted his audience with his stories. He paid a special tribute to the boys of the first contingent. A solo by James Isherwood and a trio by Mrs. Morrow and the Misses Olive and Edna Flozdal were very much appreciated.

A tribute was paid the boys now on active service by the superintendent, R. H. Pickering. The Sunday School Honor Roll, bearing the names of one hundred of our boys, was unveiled by Annabel Sloan and Cecil Campbell.

On the platform with the superintendent and speakers were four of the returned Sunday School boys, Adam McBride, William Anderson, William and Graham Mercer.

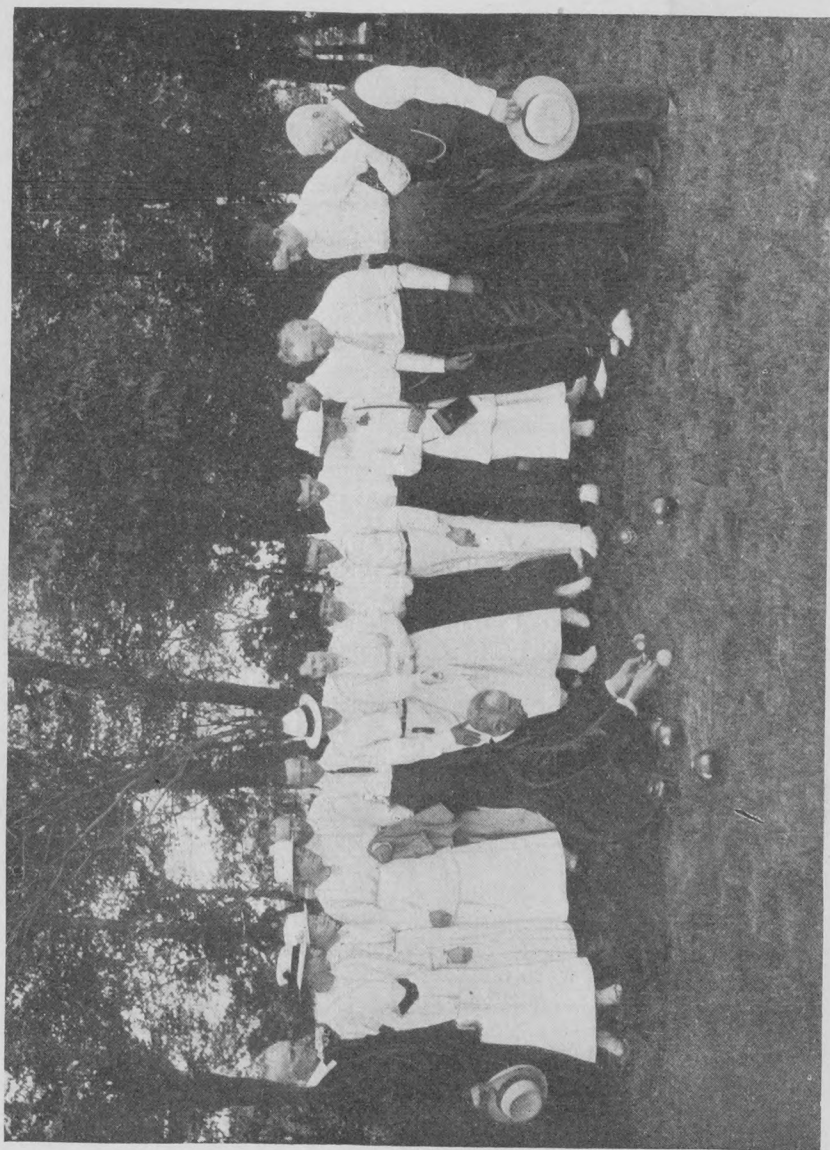
Sunday, September 1st, marked the opening session of the Sunday School. The scholars were back in force though many of the teachers were not there to welcome them.

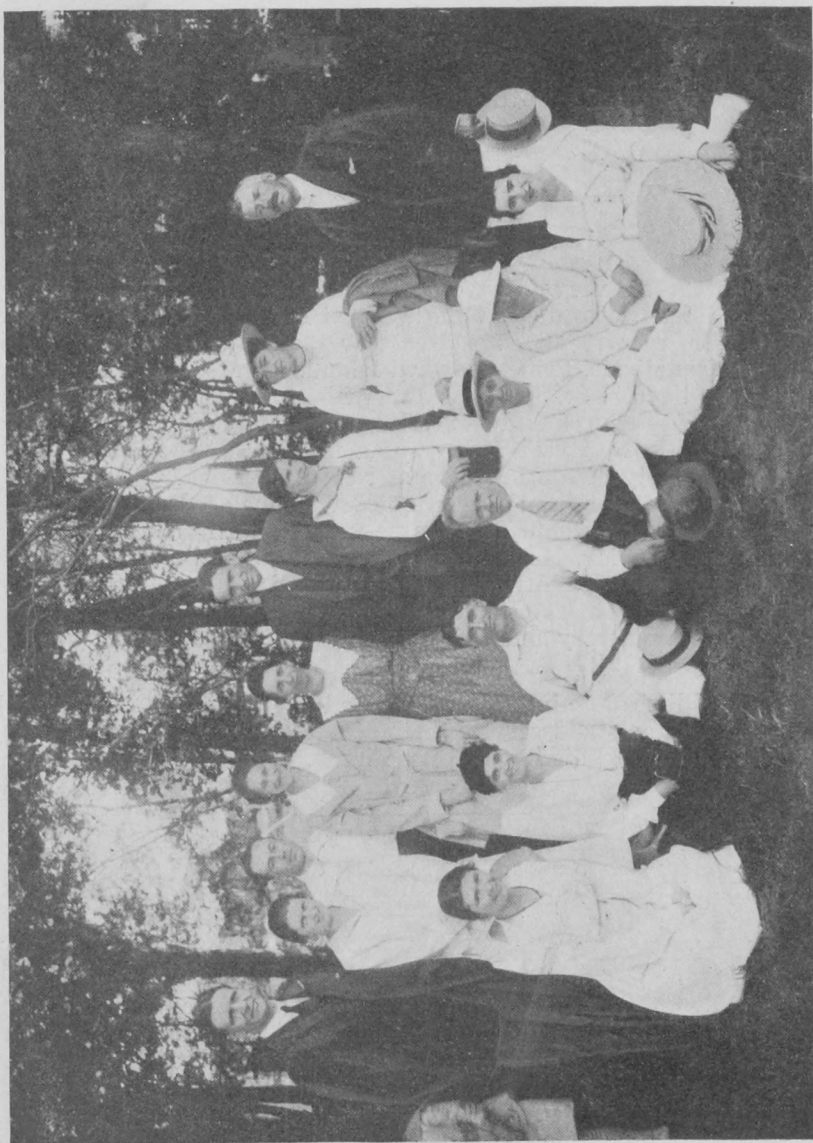
Mrs. Wyllie's class of young men has planned an interesting programme for the winter activities. We hope to see the club room decorated with shields again this year.

We are very glad to welcome to our staff of officers one of our boys, William Mercer, lately returned from Overseas, who is now treasurer of the Sunday School.

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Any lady wishing to join the Missionary Circle please communicate with the president, Mrs. J. Beairsto, 864 Banning Street. Phone Garry 5096.





KITCHENER SOCIETY

Rummage Sale, October 5th. Save and gather up your old clothing, hats, china, furniture.

Strenuous, happy days in the lecture room of St. Paul's last week when two hundred and twenty Christmas parcels were packed and shipped by members of the Kitchener Sewing Society and other friends to men on our Honor Roll. Also five parcels to military hospitals for nursing sisters from our own congregation.

PERSONALS

We were all very grieved to hear of the sudden death of Mr. Donald McLean, who died at the General Hospital on Thursday, September 19th, as a result of a street car accident. The deceased was born at Breadalbane, Prince Edward Island. For 25 years before coming west he lived in St. John's, N.B. While there he was elected to the eldership of the church and served on the session of St. John's Presbyterian church for 15 years. He was a member of the first Christian Endeavor Society of the Province of New Brunswick.

Mr. McLean has been a resident of Winnipeg for seven years and an elder in St. Paul's church for three years. A man of prayer, kindly and sympathetic, Mr. McLean was greatly beloved by his brethren of the session and by the entire membership of the church.

To Mrs. McLean, The Chimes extends, on behalf of the members of St. Paul's church, very sincere sympathy.

Mr. William Jennings, an old friend of St. Paul's and one who rendered such splendid service in the interests of patriotic and other philanthropic work, died at his home in St. James on September 11th.

SOLDIER PAGE

It is with deepest regret that we record the death, from wounds, on August 24th, of Pte. Charles Northeote.

Mrs. R. Cain, 803 Winnipeg Avenue, has received word that her son, Lieut. J. D. Kerr, was killed in action on August 16th. Lieut. Kerr left with the 45th Battalion, transferred to the 43rd, and last October won his commission on the field. The sympathy of the congregation is extended to his family and friends.

Since our last issue of The Chimes we have had the pleasure of welcoming home Forbes Grassick, one of our well-known Sunday school boys. Almost a year ago Forbes was severely wounded in the right leg, for which he is still undergoing treatment.

Pte. H. C. Scott, who left Winnipeg last February, was wounded in the left thigh on August 9th, and is now in Queen Mary's Hospital, Whalley, Lancashire, England.

Pte. A. H. Pritchard, No. 421102, is now reported to have suffered wounds for the third time. He lived at 699 Toronto Street when enlisting with the 43rd Battalion, Cameron Highlanders, but the family have since removed to North Trancona. He was previously wounded during June, 1916, and May, 1918.

Sergt. Melville Richmond, who recently was awarded the D.C.M., has spent the last ten months in hospital and is expected home soon.

Word was received last week from Pte. Harry Nunnolley, who is in a convalescent hospital at Epsom, recovering from trench fever.

Sergt. Leslie McLean is expected home soon to act as instructor.

From latest reports, Pte. William Lawrie, who has been gassed, is doing well.

Pte. D. J. Fraser, Pte. H. Good and Sergt. Harold Morrison are expected home some time in September.

Gunner J. P. Fraser, reported gassed in June, has recovered sufficiently to rejoin his unit.

SMILE AWHILE!

"Some Height"

Pat had gone back home to Ireland, and was telling his friends about New York.

"Have they such tall buildings in America as they say, Pat?" asked a parish gossip.

"Tall buildings!" replied Pat. "Faith, man, the last one I worked on we had to lie flat on our stomachs to let the moon pass."

Explicit Instructions Needed

Officer—Now, Private Jenkins, I am going to give you a very responsible job. Under our advanced trench is a large mine. I want you to stay there and when the mine goes up I want you to blow this whistle. Now, do you clearly understand?

Private Jenkins—Well, there's one thing I'm not certain of, sir. When do I blow the whistle—going up or coming down?—Stray Stories.

"More than five thousand elephants a year go to make our piano keys," said the student, looking up from his book.

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Progress

He (proudly)—“My ancestors came ovah in the Mayflower.”

She—“Well it was certainly lucky for you that they did. The immigration laws are a little stricter now.”

Egotism

Billy—I would gladly die for you but for one thing.

Milly—And that is?

Billy—I'm afraid you could never replace the loss.

For the Germans

German-American—Hallo, Irishman; vot you do now?

Pat—I'm making war ammunition.

German—Vell, dot's a nice way to neutral be. Ja!

Pat—But I'm making it for the Germans.

German—Oh, well, dot different is. But how you get de ammunition to de Germans?

Pat—I ship it to the Allies, and they shoot it at 'em.

But Half True

Unfortunately we've mislaid the judge's name, but his courtroom is in New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Before him appeared a defendant who, hoping for leniency, pleaded:

“Judge, I'm down and out.”

Whereupon said the wise judge:

“You're down, but you're not out. Six months.”—Philadelphia Evening Ledger.

O'Reilly: “What be your charge for a funeral notice in your paper?”

Editor: “Five dollars an inch.”

O'Reilly: “Good heavens! An' my poor brother was six feet high!”

He: “We'll have to give up our intended summer trip. My account at the bank is already overdrawn.”

She: “Oh, John, you are such a wretched financier. Why don't you keep your account in a bank that has plenty of money.”—Boston Transcript.

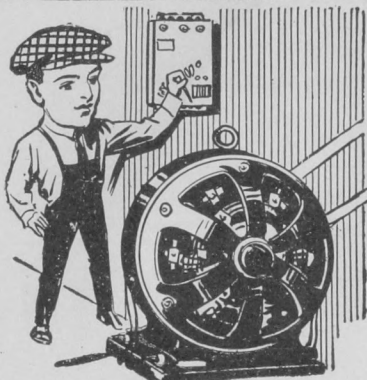
That Settled It

“And you broke off the engagement?” said one young man.

“Yes, not brutally, you know. But I managed it.”

“How?”

“Told her what my salary is.”



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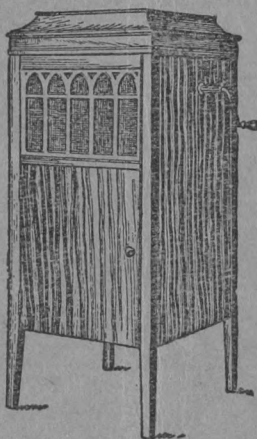
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